

Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting
May 14th, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in attendance: Alexandra Ashbrook, Sandra Schlicker, Charneta Scott, Kendra Rowe-Salas, Jenny Backus, Cara Biddle, Naomi Deveaux, Diana Bruce

Others in attendance: Richard Fowler (PCSB), Nancy Katz (OSSE), Ivy Ken (GWU), Dawanna James-Holly (OSSE), Erica Steinhart (OSSE), Erin Watts (OSSE), Andy Laine (CM Mary Cheh), Sam Ullery (OSSE); Sarah Beckwith (WIC); Joni Eisenberg (DOH), Precious Calloway (AHG)

- 1) DC PAY Grants
 - a. All applications have been reviewed and notices will go out next week
 - b. This year there were over 40 applications so the process was more competitive, perhaps due to highlighting the PAY grant into the HSA Tip
 - c. 24 grants will be awarded, they are evenly split between DCPS and DCPCS
- 2) School Garden Grants
 - a. 23 projects have been funded and activities have begun.
 - b. A request was made from the commission for the list of schools that received the funding, which is available here: <http://ossedc.wordpress.com/2013/05/20/the-sun-is-shining-on-our-garden-grant-awardees/>
- 3) The Center of Disease Control will be awarding grants to each state to address diabetes, heart disease, obesity and associated risk factors through a coordinated school health approach. OSSE and DOH have applied for this grant and will likely be funded for at least the guaranteed portion of the grant.
- 4) The Alliance for a Healthier Generation will be holding the DC Healthy Schools Program Summit on June 12th. This event is for the 25 DC schools participating with AHG. The event will be held at the Kaiser Center for Total Health.
- 5) School Health Profiles
 - a. Approximately ten charter schools and six DCSP schools have not submitted their SHP.
 - b. Diana and Naomi will reach out directly to those schools that are missing their SHPs. If they do not complete them a letter will be sent from the Commission (approved by vote).
 - c. There may be a need to revise the SHP to make it easier for low capacity schools to complete.
 - d. QUICKBASE needs to be improved – there are many technical challenges with this platform.
 - e. It may make sense to require the SHP every two years. Now is the time to make modifications to the SHP.

- 6) Physical Activity Workgroup Update forthcoming as Commission representative was absent
- 7) Health Requirements Working Group Update
 - a. Currently identifying stakeholders, specifically groups that are already working to develop health requirements.
 - b. Shortage of TB skin tests required for children entering DC day care/schools was discussed. Dr. Biddle will send a request to Commissioners to assist in getting the TB test data from the Department of Health.
 - c. The Universal School Health Certificate form submission protocol and record keeping discrepancy was discussed
 - i. schools are allowed to complete enrollment without a health form with the intention of collecting the completed form at a later date, and this does not always happen
 - ii. dental forms are the most often delinquent.
 - iii. student health forms may ultimately be networked with SLED which may eliminate future problems.
 - iv. Dr. Cara Biddle would like to discuss and research these issues in a voluntary working group to present to the Commission
 - d. Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data was collected this year (every 2 years) which will be available this summer at the city and ward level.
- 8) Promotion Working Group Update
 - a. Proposed: A letter should be sent home to parents to provide an overview of the act. It has been the experience of one of the commissioners that parents feel in the dark about the act.
 - b. NEWS Channel 8 is considering doing a story on the HSA, Jenny will provide more information as this develops.
 - c. Banners, posters and fliers of the info graphic will be printed and disseminated widely to schools, parents, MDs, government offices, etc.
- 9) Evaluation Working Group Update
 - a. A draft hard copy version of the mapping project was distributed. This map will include all HSA activities by school.
 - b. The commission discussed completing a minute-by-minute analysis of the school day considering the Act's physical activity requirements to see if it is possible for schools to meet the requirements.

Next Meeting Date: July 31, 2013, 4:00pm-6:00pm, OSSE Offices, Room 4002